

central depository of the United States Government for geomagnetic data, and the Director is authorized to collect, correlate, and disseminate such data.

Developmental work, etc.

SEC. 4. To improve the efficiency of the Coast and Geodetic Survey and to increase engineering and scientific knowledge, the Director is authorized to conduct developmental work for the improvement of surveying and cartographic methods, instruments, and equipments; and to conduct investigations and research in geophysical sciences (including geodesy, oceanography, seismology, and geomagnetism).

Cooperation with organizations.

SEC. 5. The Director is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with, and to receive and expend funds made available by, any State or subdivision thereof, or any public or private organization, or individual, for surveys or investigations authorized herein, or for performing related surveying and mapping activities, including special-purpose maps, and for the preparation and publication of the results thereof.

Contracts.

SEC. 6. The Director is authorized to contract with qualified organizations for the performance of any part of the authorized functions of the Coast and Geodetic Survey when he deems such procedure to be in the public interests.

Acceptance of gifts, etc.

SEC. 7. The Secretary of Commerce is hereby authorized to accept and utilize gifts or bequests of money and other real or personal property for the purpose of aiding or facilitating the work of the Coast and Geodetic Survey and such gifts and bequests and the income therefrom shall be exempt from Federal taxes.

Tax exemption.

Employment of public vessels.

SEC. 8. The President is authorized to cause to be employed such of the public vessels as he deems it expedient to employ, and to give such instructions for regulating their conduct as he deems proper in order to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Appropriations authorized.

SEC. 9. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such funds as may be necessary to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate ships, stations, equipment, and facilities and for such other expenditures, including personal services at the seat of government and elsewhere and including the erection of temporary observatory buildings and lease of sites therefor, as may be necessary for the conduct of the activities herein authorized.

Repeals.

SEC. 10. The following statutes are hereby repealed:

(1) The Act of January 31, 1925 (ch. 121, 43 Stat. 802; 33 U. S. C. 866).

(2) Section 4681 of the Revised Statutes (33 U. S. C. 881).

(3) Section 4682 of the Revised Statutes (33 U. S. C. 882).

(4) Section 4683 of the Revised Statutes (33 U. S. C. 883).

(5) Section 4684 of the Revised Statutes (33 U. S. C. 883).

(6) Section 4686 of the Revised Statutes (33 U. S. C. 885).

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## [CHAPTER 505]

## AN ACT

To amend Public Law 88, Seventy-ninth Congress, approved June 23, 1945.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Public Law 88, Seventy-ninth Congress, approved June 23, 1945, is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. Any person who, after the issuance of amendment numbered 1 (dated July 5, 1945) or amendment numbered 2 (dated July 11, 1945) to Directive Numbered 56 of the Director of Economic Stabilization, and pursuant to the authority thereof, became qualified and eligible, or was declared or determined by such Director to have the

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59 Stat. 260.  
15 U. S. C. § 606b  
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necessary qualifications for eligibility, to receive extra compensation payments as a nonprocessing slaughterer (such person previously having been held not qualified to receive extra compensation payments as a nonprocessing slaughterer), shall be entitled to receive such extra compensation payments for such period of time prior to July 23, 1945, as such person would have been entitled to receive if such Directive Numbered 56, and amendments numbered 1 and 2 thereto, and any such determination by such Director, had become effective November 1, 1943. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized and directed to make the extra compensation payments which any person is entitled to receive pursuant to this section. As used in this section the term 'person' includes an individual, firm, partnership, or corporation: *Provided*, That claims hereunder must be filed within six months after the enactment of this Act."

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# [CHAPTER 506]

## AN ACT

To change the order of priority for payment out of the German special deposit account, and for other purposes.

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[Public Law 375]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 4 (b) of the Settlement of War Claims Act of 1928, as amended, is amended by striking out the word "and" at the end of paragraph (2), by striking out the period at the end of paragraph (3) and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon followed by the word "and", and by adding the following new paragraph:

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Claims Act of 1928,  
amendments.  
45 Stat. 260.

"(4) All money held in the Alien Property Trust Fund whose payment is restricted under the joint resolution entitled 'Joint resolution to amend the Settlement of War Claims Act of 1928, as amended', approved June 27, 1934, other than property with respect to which the restrictions imposed by such joint resolution have been removed by the President prior to the enactment of this paragraph. The Attorney General shall certify to the Secretary of the Treasury the amounts to be so deposited."

German special de-  
posit account

48 Stat. 1267.  
43 U. S. C. § 403.

Certification of  
amounts.

SEC. 2. Paragraph (13) of section 4 (c) of the Settlement of War Claims Act of 1928, as amended, is redesignated "(14)" and paragraphs (8), (9), (10), (11), and (12) are amended to read as follows:

45 Stat. 262, 261.

"(8) To pay (A) the accrued interest payable under subsection (c) of section (2) (in respect of awards of the Mixed Claims Commission) and (B) after such interest has been paid in full, to pay amounts equal to the difference between the aggregate payments (in respect of awards of the Mixed Claims Commission) authorized by subsections (b) and (c) of section 2 and the amounts previously paid in respect thereof: *Provided*, That, for the purpose only of subsection (c) of section 2, the amounts payable under subsection (b) of section 2 and remaining unpaid shall be deemed reduced by the amount of any payments of interest hereafter made under clause (A) hereof;

Accrued interest.

45 Stat. 254.

"(9) To pay into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts the amount of the awards of the Mixed Claims Commission to the United States on its own behalf on account of claims of the United States against Germany;

Payment of awards  
to U. S.

"(10) To pay the accrued interest payable under subsection (h) of section 3 (in respect of awards to German nationals);

45 Stat. 256.

"(11) To make such payments as are necessary (A) to repay the amounts invested by the Alien Property Custodian under sub-

Investments by  
Alien Property Custodian.